

### Might Have Been Different Story

The first day of classes this year was quite different from last fall in that the professors could be heard above the roaring repercussions of the standing-in-line registration system. Members of the registration committee, headed by Mr. Ed Lanier, after being called everything in the book because of the systems employed last year, are due loud praise for the efficiency and care shown in expediting the registration ordeal, and the simplicity of the new system.

Naturally there are those who experienced an unpleasant couple of hours in lines this fall. With the tremendous task of preparing class schedules and the necessary records for nearly 7,300 students it would be impossible to run each student through in a uniform number of minutes. Then too, there are bound to be conflicting class schedules and other irregularities.

The pre-registration plan seems to be the closest possible approach to a speedy and gripless process. Appointments with advisors and deans and pre-registration will dispense with the endless lines. Then, if the freshmen are processed in teams by appointment, there should

be a minimum number of complaints.

Other Universities with enrollments swollen by the lure of the GI Bill have had registration problem to cope with and have been less successful in working out a system that would be advantageous to both the administration and the students.

Their registration planning committees have failed to devise a plan. Some Universities have resorted to registration by mail. Many other plans have been worked with some success, but there are indications that the new Lanier system is much more effective and efficient.

The following plaudit by Tom Eller is typical of the attitude of the student body:

"On behalf of what I believe to be the majority opinion, I should like to express through our student newspaper a sincere appreciation for the excellent job done by Mr. Lanier and his Registrations committee this quarter in the thankless and, at times, apparently hopeless job of registration. Those of us who have felt all along that he would do his best for the students now feel that these claims were justified."

### The Thing Gromyko Walks Out of

On the first of September, the University lost, by retirement, one of its most valuable and best loved citizens. On that date, Harry Comer stepped down from his post as Secretary of the YMCA, a position he had held for the last 26 years.

His retirement, made necessary by a malignant heart ailment, was regretted by all who knew him, from the lowliest freshman to Dr. Frank Graham. Dr. Graham said of him: "Harry Comer, for over a quarter of a century, has been a central part of the intellectual, civic, and spiritual life of the University of North Carolina." Chancellor Robert B. House said, "Harry Comer has been one of the most creative persons in the University since I have been working for it. I see him retire with the utmost personal and official regret."

Comer, voted the school's most valuable citizen one year, has done much for the University and Chapel Hill. In 1927, he founded the Institute of Human Relations, out of which grew

the Carolina Political union and the International Relations club. He established the student activity fee system, organized the Freshman Friendship council, and initiated the weekly bulletins on campus events. He was chairman of the Housing Bureau, director of rent control under the OPA, and also head of the USO recreation center here during the war. In February, 1946, under threat of a heart attack, he resigned from 19 different committees. However important these accomplishments, it is his kindly human touch, the helping hand so frequently lent, and his unflinching love of people that will be remembered long after he is gone by the people who loved him.

Mr. Comer and his wife are moving shortly to Abingdon, Va., where he says he will spend most his time reading and catching up on some writing that he has wanted to do. He wants to live in the little town because he says it is so much like the Chapel Hill that he knew 26 years ago.—C.S.

### A Working Man

What's the United Nations? "Well, lemme see," Joe College muses, "Uh-h. Well, they argue a lot and that's the thing Gromyko is always walking out of, isn't it?"

Yeah. It is. They do argue a lot and every once in a while Gromyko takes a stroll—or somebody else. But that's not all. Right now, we'll hazard, the survival of UN doesn't mean as much to you as a win in the Georgia game tomorrow. But French students worry about it; German students wonder whether or not it will make their country livable again; Italians want to know if it'll keep peace.

It can keep the peace. It can make Germany livable again. It can make France what it once was and help to feed a lot of Italians. IF you know about it and support it, it can do these things.

Energetic little Lincoln Kan has been working hard all summer to tell people about UN and to set up machinery to tell more people this fall. On Kan has fallen the burden of preparing a reception for United Nations week visitors; his is the job of controlling a three-day program at which diplomats from several foreign countries are to speak.

UN week—which is really just three days—begins next Wednesday, October 1; it closes on

Friday. But in those three short days UN must be sold to Carolina students. Carolina students must learn that their support is vital to the organization and that the survival of UN may mean the survival of a civilization in which they can live.—B.S.

"Every time you acquire a new interest, even more, a new accomplishment, you increase your power of life. No one who is deeply interested in his subject can long remain unhappy. The real pessimist is the person who has lost interest."—WILLIAM LYON PHELPS.

When you have an edge to your voice, it's best to cut out talking.

If women think men are all alike, then why is it that they are so particular in picking one?

My criticism is worth most when directed at myself.

The bigger a man's head, the easier it is to fill his shoes.

The cost of teamwork is your willingness to be a nobody.

### Don Quixote and Sancho Panza



### PEOPLE

## Uncle Has Trouble

By Bill Sexton

Elliot Washington, 35 years Zoology building janitor and a traditional figure at Carolina pep rallies, has had a heap of troubles.

Known to over a generation of alumni as "Uncle George," the 69-year-old dean of janitors had to leave work this summer when it was discovered he was suffering from a serious cancer condition. But despite his 35 years of service to the University, he is ineligible for retirement benefits.

His physician, Dr. J. B. Riggsbee, says an operation—in time—will help him. But the operation is very expensive. "Uncle George's" illness is just the latest of his trouble. Two years ago his wife's sight failed completely. This spring he spent his savings—the money he had put aside to retire on—

on a cataract operation for his wife. It restored sight to one eye.

Washington has been without income other than gifts of food and money from friends—just enough to keep alive.

Now Dr. R. E. Coker, Zoology chairman who himself retires this year, has initiated a fund to provide the operation Washington must have. Already \$170 has been donated, but that, says Dr. Riggsbee, is not nearly enough to cover hospital bills. Dr. Riggsbee has donated his services free.

Dr. Coker is convinced that the generation of students that knew Washington will give enough to provide the operation. His worry is that the gifts may not come in time.

Gifts for the Elliot Washington fund may be sent to Dr. Coker at the Zoology department.

### CAROLINA CAROUSEL

## Football, Coeds, Rain

By R. Foo Giduz

It's really a pleasure to see all the happy faces . . . old and new . . . back in Tarheelia after a summer in Mexico . . . All changes seem for the better, and the whole campus seems to have an attitude of rarin' to go.

One thing that hasn't changed is the usual registration day rain.—Wanna make a sure bet here??—Next time you're down Harry's way, just bet your roommate or no. I gal that it'll be raining comes January registration day. . . . We've been here some 20-odd years and haven't seen it fail yet. But things are looking brighter now. . . . Football prospects seem tops for the fall. (We're not exactly optimists, but we've already got reservations at the Roosevelt hotel in New Orleans for New Year's day.) . . . Coeds seem friendlier and prettier than ever. . . . Our first class is at

10 o'clock, and all are on the first floor. . . . Yep, things are really looking good.

Best recent addition to CH life: The Colonial House (similar to Durham's Toddle House) nearing completion down below the old bus station. The town's been needing a really good snack stand like this for years. . . . Bonne Chance to proprietor Whid Powell, and here's hoping he'll stay open 24 hours a day. . . . Those of us who "study" late can really use that good old 3 a.m. hamburger-java life. . . . That's the collegiate necessity which CH, where they roll up the sidewalks at midnight, has been missing. . . . How 'bout it Whid???

You guys that outsmart the local cops back in Chitlin' switch had better watch out this fall. The local gasta now has radio-equipped police cars; two of 'em! . . . Well, just got a good proposition from a guy

### DREW PEARSON

## Life on the Missouri

Washington.—None of the newsmen travelling with President Truman on the battleship Missouri wrote anything about it, but they had quite a battle with the Navy over censorship of the press.

What the Navy wanted censored was not a military secret, but the fact that the battleship Missouri was equipped with a ladies toilet, plus certain details of Father Neptune's initiation of "Pollywogs" when the Missouri crossed the Equator.

The four newsmen on whom the Navy frowned were: hard-punching Windsor Booth of Time magazine; erudite Charles P. Trussell of the New York Times; United Press correspondent Merriman Smith; and Joe Short of the Baltimore Sun.

Crossing the Equator ceremonies had been prepared by the ship's crew long in advance—in fact when they rented \$400 worth of costumes back in Norfolk, Va. For days, also, those sailors previously initiated had been whitening paddles and shillelghs, gloating over uninitiated victims. So the ceremony was rough. It was even rough for one of the top White House dignitaries, John Steelman, who was abruptly dumped backward, eight feet, into a pool of water. Steelman, however, took it like a sport.

For the 1,000 gobs who never before had crossed the Equator, it was even rougher. They underwent "mock" surgical operations with electrically charged knives on an operating table. They were ducked until they yelled "Royal Shellback!" And they had to run the gauntlet of 50 to 300 fellow sailors armed with paddles and canvas bags of water.

Decks got slippery. Men careened and fell. Finally the party got so rough, the Captain called the entire show off. But in the melee, several men got hurt—the Navy claimed 16; Booth of Time magazine claimed 18.

It was this and other realistic reporting of the initiation roughhouse that brought the Navy's demand of censorship. When newsmen balked, lethargic White House Secretary Charlie Ross called a special press conference, blasted correspondents for alleged "inaccuracy."

"I have a right to prevent the filing of such stories," he announced, "but I am not going to exercise that right."

Ross said he was "hurt" by the "reflection" on the Navy. But he permitted the news stories to be sent as written.

Official ire was especially heaped on the red head of Time magazine's Booth because he had reported the discovery of a ladies toilet aboard the battleship. This has come to be a much-debated subject in the Nation's capital ever since grandmotherly Mrs. May Craig, correspondent for the Portland, Maine, Evening Express, was refused permission to return from Rio on the battleship. Official reason: no ladies toilet facilities aboard.

So when Booth discovered such facilities plainly labelled "Ladies" in both the Portuguese and English languages, and proposed sending a dispatch to this effect over the ship's radio, the Navy hit the ceiling. Booth, however, insisted, and the Navy finally sent the story.

Note—When Herbert Hoover made his goodwill tour of Latin America just after his 1928 election, the Navy flatly refused to transmit critical news stories from the battleships Utah and Maryland. Newsmen had to wait until they got home to do this critical reporting.

Biggest question mark raised at President Truman's Cabinet food conference was: "Will the American people ration themselves to help out Europe?"

This question was debated when the President met with Secretary of State Marshall, Secretary of Agriculture Anderson, Secretary of Commerce Harrison and Presidential Assistant Steelman.

It was Mr. Truman himself who gave the final answer.

"Of course, they will cooperate," he declared, "when they know the truth. I have great faith in the American people. They may be calloused in some things but you can always count on them in times of disaster."

The President cited American support of the Red Cross as one example.

"If this food problem in Europe is serious and we get the truth over to the people, you don't have to worry about them responding in order to keep others from starving."

Truman said he realized that some people are always ready to "knock our efforts to help Europe" and that this vocal minority would cry out against food shipments. But this, he said would not cause too much

interference.

He added that the job of feeding Europe's starving wasn't as great as many people thought.

With just a little cooperation on the part of the public, the job can be done," he said.

## Veterans to Report To South Building

All veterans who for any reason missed going through the Woman's gymnasium during registration earlier this week should report to the veterans division of South building, which has moved from the first to the third floor.

With approximately a ten per cent increase over last year's records, 1,325,000 veterans are enlisted in universities throughout the country. Because of this evergrowing number and because of a national ruling of the University Veterans association prohibiting sending checks out after the first ten days in a month, October subsistence allowances cannot possibly be recorded and mailed in time.

To avoid any further delay, all veterans who desire to receive their checks by November 1 should contact the South building veterans division immediately.

### UP STEERING COMMITTEE

The steering committee of the University Party, will meet at 4:30 this afternoon in Graham Memorial, Chairman Bob Perry announced yesterday. The meeting will be held in Horace Williams Lounge.

### OPEN HOUSE TODAY

Open house will be held in all the women's undergraduate dorms this afternoon from 4 until 6 o'clock. Invitations have been extended to men living in dormitories and fraternity houses. Smith, Archer House, and the Town Girls' Association will hold an open house in Graham, while Alderman, McIver, and Spencer will be at home in the Parlors.

Fishing license sales in the nation in 1945-46 were almost 2,800,000 greater than in the previous year.

The mocking bird was chosen Mississippi's state bird in 1939 by the Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs.

### OUR BABY

## Collegiate Syndicate

Born last April, the Daily Tar Heel brainchild—a collegiate newspaper syndicate—was fully launched this fall as letters were sent to 11 college daily papers from the University of California to Harvard.

Former TH Editor Bill Woestendiek and Columnist Jud Kinberg dreamed up the syndicate idea to answer a need for closer understanding and cooperation among college students. Woestendiek, in a letter to prospective members of the ex-

change column syndicate, said that the establishment of such a syndicate would "give a national collegiate voice to important subjects and let each section of the country know what the others are thinking."

Early response to the suggested syndicate has been heavy and the DTH has sent out a final letter requesting that all those who will join the syndicate begin exchanging columns and editorials according to a specified pattern on October 1.

## Crossword Puzzle

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACROSS  
1—A few  
2—Face of hand  
3—Ferry  
12—Trolley  
13—Away from wind  
14—High note  
15—Iron's chief product  
16—Handle  
17—French rain  
18—Artificial  
19—Bourgeois  
20—Chinaman  
21—Other  
22—Hit  
23—Oriental coin  
24—Borneo  
25—Bridle  
26—Right (abbr.)

DOWN  
31—It comes from sheep  
32—Bacony  
33—Public notice  
34—Caddy  
35—Myriad  
36—Soap  
37—Shoed white  
38—Cloth made from tart  
39—Milk farm  
40—Vegetable  
41—Purveyor  
42—Vox at work  
43—Urges  
44—Drive stone with hammer  
45—Handout  
46—Run away  
47—Golf mound

14—Shops  
15—Orange and black bird  
16—Printer's measure  
17—Twins  
18—Permit  
19—Allows  
20—Proun  
21—Cure  
22—Master Twist  
23—Ability  
24—That man  
25—Cry of triumph  
26—Wading bird  
27—Discolor  
28—Cutting tool  
29—Likely  
30—Ornith  
31—Below (post.)  
32—Gambling game  
33—Narrow inlet  
34—Purveyor  
35—Common term of endearment  
36—Blockhead  
37—Apex  
38—Storia  
39—Paint color  
40—Pebb  
41—Musical note  
42—Tollurium  
43—Charged particle  
44—Cloth measure  
45—Perform  
46—Musical note

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### Write Away

## Miss Braun To You

Dear Sir:  
After having established an International Correspondence Bureau, I—on behalf of members on my waiting list—take leave to apply to you. May I request you to put me in touch with readers of your paper interested in friendly correspondence?

Having been secluded from the outside world these long years, and yearning for a real democratic enlightenment and a personal contact from man to man across boarders, my members would only too gladly welcome and answer letters from abroad. Most of my members (among them scientists, students, experts, businessmen and other well-educated ladies and gentlemen, and also hobbyists, housewives and even young boys and girls) have a fairly good knowledge of English,

but would also be pleased to write in German, if desired. I am sure, my members will try and give their pen-friends every satisfaction.

Individuals and groups of persons may communicate with me direct stating their particulars and interests. All letters will be attended to and all applications linked up. If possible, two or three reply coupons should be enclosed to cover expenses, and also—to save time—an introductory letter to future pen-friends over here will be appreciated.

Pen-friendships are a step towards the creation of that international friendship and goodwill that is so essential to understanding and peace, don't you think so?  
Yours hopefully,  
(Miss) Anna-Maria Braun.  
Germany—Bavaria Zone.

### FOURTEEN FRATERNITIES

The fraternities listed below have obtained chaperones and may entertain women students this week end. Fraternities and women students are reminded that, unless a chaperone is present in a fraternity house, women students are prohibited from entering. This plan is to be in effect only September 27 and 28.

The list of fraternities:  
Delta Kappa Epsilon, Chi Psi, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Alpha, Zeta Psi, Lambda Chi Alpha, Sigma Chi, Beta Theta Pi, Kappa Sigma, Phi Gamma Delta, Pi Kappa Alpha, and Phi Kappa Sigma (Saturday only).